

Customer No.: 31561
Application No.: 10/064,524
Docket No.: 7359-US-PA

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

It is noted with great appreciation that the Office considered the Office Action considers claims 1-31 as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph. In response thereto, Applicants have amended claims 1, 5, 9, 17 and 25 in accordance to the Examiner's suggestions. Applicants have also amended formalities in claims 3, 6-8, 13-16, 18-19, 21, 26-27 and 29. Applicants believe that the foregoing amendments do not introduce any new matter.

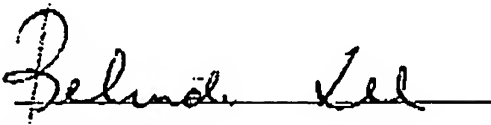
In light of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 1-31 are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted

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